THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The pollution arising from coal mine fires in Jharia coalfield in Bihar is due to both dust particles as well as gaseous emissions. An advance Environmental Planning Group which was set up by the government in 1987 to examine the overall environmental aspects of Jharia coalfield had observed that while the pollution level arising from dust particles is high, the air pollution caused by gaseous emissions like oxides of sulphur and nitogen is generally within the permissible limits. The Group had also observed that there was no significant water pollution from mine fires because very small quantity of mine water from fire areas is pumped into the natural drainage system.

(b) Government have taken steps to contain, combat and control mine fires in the Jharia Coalfield through implementation of various schemes formulated for this purpose. Government are also considering to induct advanced tecchnologies for this purpose in collaboration with other countries.

Supply of coal to power plants in Gujarat

3834. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some power stations in Gujarat were shut down for want of coal;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to augment the supply of coal for the power stations in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) certain units at Gandhinagar, Ukai, Wanakbori and Sikka Thermal Power Stations in Gujarat had to be shut down at times for want of coal.

(c) Coal supplies to all power stations including power stations in Gujarat, are regularly monitored, and corrective actions are taken whenever necessary to ensure regular supply of coal.

Monitoring Committee for implementation of the 15 Point Programme

3835. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is any Committee for monitoring implementation of the 15 Point Programme for the welfare of the Minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such Committee and the achievements thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation for loss to the Neyveli Lignite Corporation

3836. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1215 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1992 and state:

(a) the quantum of loss suffered by Neyveli Lignite Corporation in terms of rupees; and

(b) whether Government contemplate to compensate the loss, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The estimated shortfall in income and extra expenditure on account of the flooding is about Rs. 47.91 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

Policy for Mining of lignite in private sector

3837. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to relax policy to enable the mining of the lignite in private sector for power generation ; and

(b) if so, by when this relaxation is likely to be announced with respect to Jayamkondom lignite area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) A proposal for allowing private sector participation in mining of coal/lignite for

captive consumption in power generation is under consideration of the Government in the Ministry of Coal. After the proposal is approved by the Government, appropriate amendment to relevant Acts/Rules will be carried out for the purpose. Exploitation of lignite reserves in Jayamkondom area for captive power generation in the private sector could be considered only after relveant Acts/Rules are amended suitably.

Shortfall in the production of coal

3838. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited production of coal in the financial year 1991-92 has been far below the target ;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor ; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to increase the production of coal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No Sir. The production of coal in Coal India Limited during 1991-92 (April 91-Feb. 92) was 180.21 million tonnes against target of 180.17 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड के अधिकारियों द्वारा की जाने वाली फिजूलखर्ची को रोका जाना

3839. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड ने अपने अधिकारियों द्वारा की जाने वाली फिजूलखर्ची को रोकने के लिए निर्देश जारी किए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इन निर्देशों के परिणामस्वरूप कितनी बचत होने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) निर्देशों को सही ढंग से लागू किए जाने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नक्सेगौड़ा) : (क) से (ग) जी, हां। कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड ने अपनी सहायक कंपनियों को प्रशासनिक व्यय जैसे कि समयोपरि भत्ता, यात्रा, दूरभाष, प्रचार, लेखन-सामग्री, स्टाफकार, आदि को न्यूनतम करने के निर्देश जारी किए हैं। इसके फलस्वरूप कोल इंडिया लि० में 10.41 करोड़ रुपए की बचत की जा सकी है।

सभी सहायक कंपनियों के अध्यक्ष-सह-प्रबंध निदेशकों को उक्त निर्देशों को नियमित रूप से कार्यान्वयन पर निगरानी रखने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं।

कोयला खनन क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण का बन्द किया जाना

3840. **श्री चतुरानन मिश्र** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोयला खनन क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण, धनबाद, जिसमें कोयला प्रबन्धन और केन्द्रीय सरकार के प्रतिनिधि सम्मिलित हैं, एक स्वायत संस्थान है, जो भारत कोकिंग कोल लिमिटेड और ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड के खनन क्षेत्रों के लिए जल सप्लाई, जन स्वास्थ्य, सफाई, पर्यावरण नियंत्रण और सामुदायिक विकास कार्यों की देखभाल करता है और यह अंग्रेजों के समय से ही कार्य कर रहा है ;

(ख) प्राधिकरण द्वारा दी गई सेवाओं के लिए कोयला प्रबन्धन कब से टन भार उपकर दे रहा है और यह उपकर किन से वसूल किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कोयला प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण द्वारा दी गई आवश्यक सेवाओं को बन्द कराने का इच्छुक है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो प्राधिकरण की कमाई के एकमात्र स्रोत, टनभार